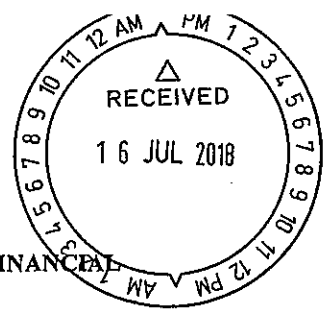


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL  
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Department of Training and Workforce Development

The Committee asked:

- 1) I refer to page 321 of Budget Paper No. 2, statement of financial position, and ask what comprises current liabilities – other?

Answer:

Current Liabilities – other largely reflects:

- income received in advance for International Student Fees (\$16.7 million);
- accrued expenses relating to VET Fee Help - Income Contingent Loans (\$4.5 million);
- accrued salary and wages expenses and oncosts (\$0.9 million);
- accrued expenses relating to capital works projects (\$1.6 million);
- ICT contracts and services payable (\$1.2 million);
- Grant income received in advance (\$0.7 million);
- VET in schools (\$0.8 million); and
- Other accrued expenses payable (\$4.1 million).

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Department of Training and Workforce Development

The Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC asked:

- 1) Apprenticeship Funding – 312, Service Summary Table, Line 6: What is the Government's plan to address this parlous decline in apprenticeship commencements and consequently the rapid worsening of skill shortages in this State?

Answer: Apprenticeship commencements are up 7.3% from 6,315 in the 12 months to March 2017 to 6,778 in the 12 months to March 2018.

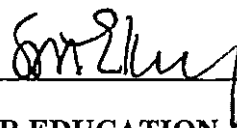
Under the previous Liberal National Government, TAFE was allowed to run down. Course fees were increased by up to 510% and student enrolments declined dramatically.

To arrest this fall and to give students and families certainty, we have frozen TAFE fees for this term of Government.

The McGowan Government made the following key commitments to increase the uptake of apprentices and trainees under the Plan for Jobs:

- introduce the Western Australian Industry Participation Strategy to increase apprenticeship and traineeship commencements in all industry sectors;
- expand the Priority Start policy to create more opportunities for apprentices and trainees on State Government infrastructure projects;
- establish a network of Jobs and Skills Centres that provide free career, training and employment information and assistance to all Western Australians;
- Return training for craft industries to our local TAFE colleges instead of sending students interstate, and
- Develop partnerships with industry, such as the development of Australia's first automation qualification through South Metropolitan TAFE and Rio Tinto.

The State Training Board recently undertook extensive consultation to identify the common barriers faced by employers and apprentices. The Board has prepared the *Strategies to grow apprenticeships and traineeships in Western Australia Report*. The Government is considering the recommendations.



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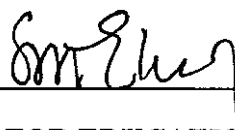
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Department of Training and Workforce Development

The Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC asked:

- 2) I refer to Page 311, Part 2 and I ask: Why was South Metropolitan TAFE considered the best option to develop a partnership with?

Answer: South Metropolitan TAFE has long standing relationships with the resource sector for the delivery of training programs in fields that align to the current technology changes and in particular automation. The major resource companies identified the need for new specialist training programs in these emerging technological areas and requested South Metropolitan TAFE work with them to develop new curriculum to support this emerging workforce need. Once developed the new curriculum will be made available at no cost to all TAFE colleges to support training in these new areas.



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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Department of Training and Workforce Development

The Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC asked:

3) I refer to Budget Paper 2, volume 1, page 320 within the Income Statement table, and refer specifically to the heading Income from State Government, and I refer specifically to the line - Regional Community Services Fund, and I ask:

(a) What projects are funded from this line item?

Answer: The projects funded from this line item include Regional Workers Incentive Allowances (from 2018-19 and across the forward estimates), Agricultural Pathways Program – Muresk (2018-19), Agricultural Degree Program – Muresk (from 2018-19 through to 2020-21), Youth Transition Program (Kalgoorlie and Bunbury) for 2018-19, Peel Workforce Development Centre (2018-19) and VET Regional Subsidies (from 2019-20 across the forward estimates).

(b) Why has this fund jumped from \$3,328 to \$46,601; in 2019/20; \$47,101 in 2020-21 and \$46,915 in 2021-22.?

Answer: The increase from 2019-20 reflects the cost of VET Regional Subsidies being funded through the Royalties for Regions Program.



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